

**SUMMARY MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Santa Cruz Room, Sentinel Building, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop
April 11, 2006, 5:00 p.m.**

Committee Members Present: Josefina Ahumada, Gene Berry (Chairperson), Deborah Brown, Belen Olmedo Guerra, Margie Howell, Donald Ijams, Robert Janssen, Yolanda Herrera-La Fond, Jennifer Lyons, and Joy Taylor.

Committee Members Absent: Justin Williams.

Staff Members Present: Ron Koenig, Cindy Abril, Joyce Alcantar, Elaine Raviele, and Debbi Al-Houssni.

Welcome and Introductions:

Gene Berry called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. Committee members, staff and guests introduced themselves.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Robert Janssen noted that he should be shown as seconding the April 4, 2006 minutes. Clarification was provided by staff that the minutes provided are summary minutes subject to the Committee's approval. Donald Ijams moved and Robert Janssen seconded to approve the minutes from April 4, 2006. All were in favor.

Discussion, Ranking and Funding Recommendations for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Proposals: Planning, Housing, Public Facilities, and Economic Development/Microenterprise.

With respect to the Planning category, Josefina noted that the top score is Drachman Institute's Community Housing Assistance Planner. She stated that she saw the Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless's Homeless Planning and Coordination Services as the second top project and asked for the Committee to state their perceptions. Yolanda Herrera-La Fond reported that she gave the CPLC Liberty Community Project a low ranking. Although the proposal was well written, she did not feel that the project would enhance the neighborhood, and also had questions relating to lack of neighborhood input, support and collaboration. Belen Olmedo Guerra voiced the opinion that it would be of benefit for people to have a credit union, or access to affordable loans where they would not be taken advantage of.

Jennifer Lyons commented that the Interfaith Coalition project has low administrative costs and is volunteer oriented. Josefina agreed and pointed out that the agency is a unique entity consisting of non-profits working together cooperatively for a common goal.

Josefina moved and Robert Janssen seconded to fund the Planning category as follows:

Community Housing Assistance Planner - \$28,000
Fair Housing Outreach, Education and Compliance - \$32,000
Homeless Planning and Coordination Services - \$30,000

There were 8 Committee Members in favor of funding the projects stated above, but Belen Olmedo Guerra opposed to one of the projects being funded.

The committee elected to fund the remaining categories by the highest average CDAC scores in lieu of taking each category separately. Discussion occurred regarding the Parks and Recreation project for the Herrera-Quiroz Basketball Court. Yolanda stated that she would have like to have seen that project ranked higher since there is a real need for sports programs for youth in that area. Gene noted that \$265,600 is very high and if they don't get that amount, they can't do the project. Joy Taylor suggested that possibly they could be given the Engineering and Planning funding and reapply for the construction funding.

The committee asked staff to provide performance information for all agencies seeking CDBG funding.

The committee specifically asked about Compass Health Care's past track record with respect to completing CDBG projects and staff responded that they had received extensions for their 2002 and 2003 awards. In light of Compass Health Care's past performance, the Committee elected to downgrade their score to 10.

Donald Ijams commented that he felt the Boys and Girls Club request should receive higher priority over the Pima Prevention Partnership's request for Rehab of their parking lot.

Josefina suggested that the top 15 highest scored projects be fully funded with the exception of Compass Health Care, Inc. Donald Ijams seconded the motion. Jennifer Lyons asked for outcomes on the RISE. Cindy Abril responded that they provide microenterprise services, and have created 12 new jobs per year for the past 6 years in the recycling business. Also, a lot more homeless have been placed in existing jobs. Josefina commented that the salaries were reasonable for social service positions.

Josefina moved and Robert seconded to fund the top 15 projects, with the exception of Compass, and add the remaining balance to the Cost Overrun Fund.

Deborah Brown asked if the Committee could reconsider the CPLC request for \$254,957 for building renovations? However, the consensus of the Committee was that for this large of a request several smaller projects would have to be denied; therefore, the Committee agreed not to change the projects proposed for funding.

The vote was unanimous to fund the following agencies and programs:

- ❖ Open Inn, Inc.-Transitional Living Apartments, Kitchen/Bathroom Renovation: \$56,165
- ❖ Tucson Nursery Schools and Child Care Centers-Preschool Building: \$55,000
- ❖ Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc.-Housing Counseling: \$60,000
- ❖ RISE, Inc.-Toole Avenue Service Site: \$260,000
- ❖ Pima Prevention Partnership-PPP Rehab: \$58,491
- ❖ Tucson Ctrs for Women & Children-Domestic Violence Shelter Safety Upgrades: \$60,000
- ❖ The Primavera Foundation, Inc.-The Winstel Renovation Project: \$87,000
- ❖ CODAC Behavioral Health Service, Inc.-Las Amigas Roof Replacement: \$75,000
- ❖ Family Housing Resources, Inc.-Ward 2 & Family Housing Resources Homebuyer Assistance Program: \$55,000
- ❖ City of Tucson/Community Services Department/Housing Management Division-Install Security Doors for Public Housing Tenants: \$50,000

- ❖ Tucson Urban League-Tucson Homeownership Collaborative: \$90,000
- ❖ Esperanza En Escalante-Esperanza En Escalante: \$50,000
- ❖ Metropolitan Housing Corporation–Vista Sierra Apartment Heating Cooling Emergency Repairs: \$58,750
- ❖ Microbusiness Advancement Center of Southern Arizona – Business of Childcare project: \$40,000
- ❖ Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson-Holmes Tuttle Renovation Project Completion: \$50,000

Remaining balance of available CDBG funds @ \$4,762 to go to the cost overruns fund.

Formulation of Accompanying Comments and Direction for Mayor and Council:

Yolanda Herrera-La Fond suggested that documentation of collaboration should be backed up with letters from the agencies/entities that are mentioned in the proposals.

Other Business:

Donald Ijams questioned the logic of setting aside \$90,000 for planning projects. He felt there were other projects that were direct services that he would have liked to see get funding. Josefina responded that planning projects often get bypassed for service programs and that was why the money was set aside. Ron Koenig mentioned that the \$90,000 came from the Administration pot of funds and had been earmarked for this purpose.

Adjournment:

Josefina moved and Belen second to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.